

U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

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FINANCE PANEL ANNOUNCES NEW SUBCOMMITTEES

*Members will now oversee energy and pension issues,
tackle global competitiveness and long-term growth*

Washington, DC – U.S. Senators Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Chairman and Ranking Republican of the Senate Finance Committee, today announced the formation of a new Finance subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure, and the addition of pensions issues to an expanded Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy panel. The Subcommittee on International Trade will also address global competitiveness, and the panel on Taxation and IRS Oversight will take an active look at long-term growth. The Subcommittee on Health Care will continue to examine policy across the health care system. The full Finance Committee is expected to vote shortly to finalize the subcommittees as slated.

“I want the Finance Committee to play an active role in improving America’s energy independence. The full committee will be very active on energy, but our new subcommittee will really focus and sharpen these efforts. I also want to ramp up our work for retirees and families,” said Baucus. **“Our subcommittees will take a new look at issues of long-term growth and global competitiveness – and Senator Lincoln will become the first female Democratic Senator to lead a Finance Subcommittee. I know our subcommittee leaders will work together to hold constructive hearings to examine these important issues.”**

Grassley said, **“It makes sense to evaluate the subcommittees from time to time and make sure they’re best configured to help the committee advance good policy. Further highlighting issues such as energy, infrastructure, and pensions reflects what have been and continue to be high priorities for what I call the ‘quality of life committee’ because of our focus on bread-and-butter issues.”**

The slate of Senators assigned to each subcommittee for the 110th Congress follows here.

Subcommittee on Health Care

Senator John Rockefeller, Chairman

Senator John Kerry
Senator Jeff Bingaman
Senator Blanche Lincoln
Senator Ron Wyden
Senator Debbie Stabenow
Senator Maria Cantwell
Senator Ken Salazar

Senator Orrin Hatch, Ranking Member

Senator Chuck Grassley
Senator Olympia Snowe
Senator Jon Kyl
Senator Craig Thomas
Senator Pat Roberts
Senator Jim Bunning

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Subcommittee on Taxation, IRS Oversight, and Long-Term Growth

Senator Kent Conrad, Chairman

Senator Max Baucus
Senator Ron Wyden
Senator Maria Cantwell
Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Debbie Stabenow
Senator Ken Salazar

Senator Jon Kyl, Ranking Member

Senator Trent Lott
Senator Pat Roberts
Senator Olympia Snowe
Senator Mike Crapo
Senator Orrin Hatch

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure

Senator Jeff Bingaman, Chairman

Senator Kent Conrad
Senator John Kerry
Senator Blanche Lincoln
Senator Ron Wyden
Senator Maria Cantwell
Senator Ken Salazar

Senator Craig Thomas, Ranking Member

Senator Gordon Smith
Senator Orrin Hatch
Senator Jim Bunning
Senator Trent Lott
Senator Mike Crapo

Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy

Senator John Kerry, Chairman

Senator John Rockefeller
Senator Kent Conrad
Senator Charles Schumer

Senator Jim Bunning, Ranking Member

Senator Trent Lott
Senator Jon Kyl

Subcommittee on International Trade and Global Competitiveness

Senator Blanche Lincoln

Senator Max Baucus
Senator John Rockefeller
Senator Jeff Bingaman
Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Debbie Stabenow

Senator Gordon Smith, Ranking Member

Senator Mike Crapo
Senator Olympia Snowe
Senator Craig Thomas
Senator Pat Roberts

The Chairman and Ranking Member will be ex officio members of all subcommittees.

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